

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and device is provided for arranging a large number of images in a sheet of paper, thereby using the sheet of paper efficiently. When arranging a plurality of images in a sheet of paper, a total sum of the areas of images contained in the sheet in a first arrangement and a total sum of the areas of images contained in the sheet in a second arrangement are calculated, and the images are arranged in a sheet of paper in one of the arrangements that is adopted when the larger total sum is calculated. By arranging the images in this way, the remaining blank area of the sheet can be reduced, and the sheet of paper can be used efficiently.